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My darling Mama:

Your son is bone tired this late afternoon so he shall scribble just a note

One of the companies is going to Reno Air Base next week to fire on the range & I have been [illegible] today & also Monday making arrangements – Saw every one from a Private up to a Commanding Officer of the Post & was snubbed & treated cordially by turns all day - You have no idea how difficult it is to get anything or have anything done in the Army – I am becoming as positive in my demands as Captain Duffey – Have a chance to go to Camp Beal – 250 miles into California after some ammunition tomorrow & would enjoy going as they say it has been green up there or down there for sometime, but I have a certain amount of work to do – It's interesting to observe enlisted men of the lower grades (I'm not becoming snobbish) & notice how little responsibility they have – watched them at Reno Air Base today – I feel utterly satiated in work & responsibility all time, but it doesn't bother me as before & in fact I enjoy it – especially when I've had enough sleep, and I sometimes think of late that when one forgets about how little sleep they've had, that one doesn't notice the absence as much

Had a terrific bowl [sic] complaint the other night & vomited several times – Had a little fever too – didn't work the following day, but caught up on my sleep instead – Haven't slept as much in years – I rather enjoyed the day part – The complaint was caused by the water here – It tastes horrible, and I think is bad on one – we only drink about a fifth of our natural consumption

There are several green spots between here & Reno; they farm such a contrast to the rest of the scenery that their attractiveness is magnified

Received Mrs. Canning books & shall write her – shall read it by bits

Various interruptions have stopped up the time until it is now 8pm so I must close. I thought about Philip a long time in bed last night – Shall pray for his safety

I love & adore but one person

Loving son

J. Harrod

Have a large picture taken in an group with officers of both companies & Capt. Duffey. Shall send it soon – 'This fairly good of me

How are you feeling – Tell Ed hello

[illegible] Bernie I felt sick on hearing about him. Please get his address from MM.